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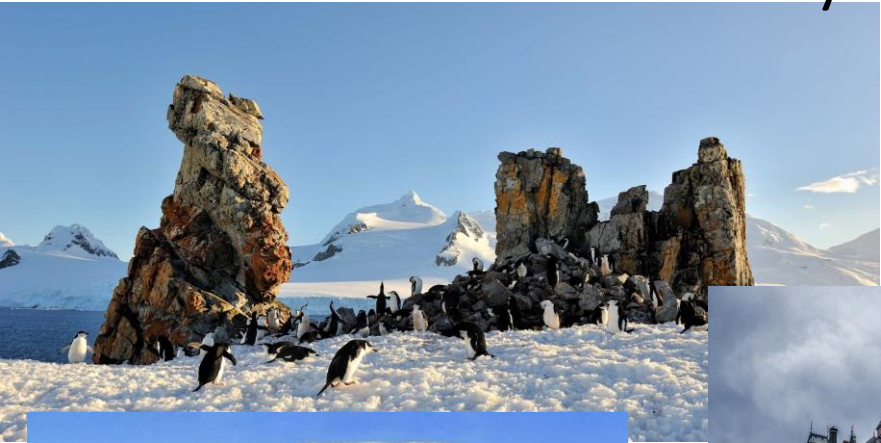
*Mike "The Travel Guy" Maglothin*



# My Niche

## The road less traveled

### Adventure and Luxury



Beachfront Grande Rondoal Butler Suite with Private Pool Sanctuary - BP







Iceland  
June  
2023





Norway July 2023



# 2024 Back to the River with Backroads and AMAwaterway



DAY 4			
Biking	Level 1	14 miles	500 ft. gain
	Level 3	35 miles	1300 ft. gain
	Level 4	36 miles	2300 ft. gain

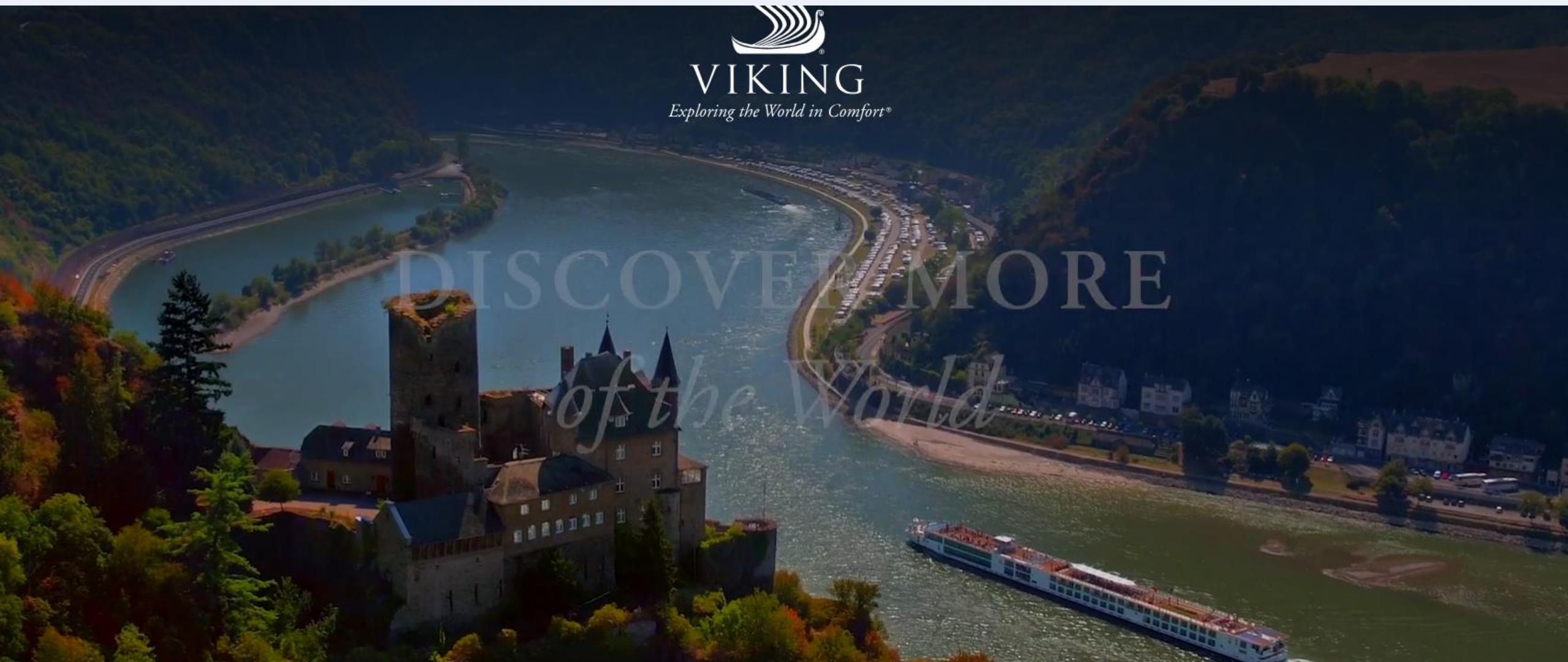




VIKING

*Exploring the World in Comfort®*

DISCOVER MORE  
*of the World*





*It's my favorite thing to do!!*

# Why a River Cruise?

- Smaller Ship, No Waves (no seasickness, no fear)
- Excursions included (at least one every day, some cruise lines have more than one). Typically smaller excursions groups and less crowds.
- Food is AMAZING
- Wine with your meal is included on most lines. Liquor is extra on some, included on others.
- More intimate environment – you actually get to know people
- Beautiful scenery and it's close enough to see (not always true on the ocean)
- NO SEA DAYS







*The Food?  
It's really, really good!!*



# What you won't have

- A casino
- 10 different dining venues
  - Unless you have to have pizza or Guy's burgers you won't care
- Anonymity – you WILL get to know people and that will be a good thing.





# River Cruises in Europe

- August Paris to Normandy or Amsterdam to Basel
- September/October Danube.. Vilshofen to Budapest
- I always assume \$1.5k pp airfare (up from \$1kpp pre covid)
- Excursions are included (a couple of special excursions are sometimes extra)
  - Some lines have more than 1 excursion a day
  - Some lines have bicycles, even electric bikes
- There are many more than these 3
  - Portugal, Bordeaux, Provence, US river cruises, Amazon, China.....







← Viking

Paris to Normandy

Amawaterways →





# Paris – City of Light

- The Louvre – It would take 3 days to see it all!
- Notre Dame – (Our Lady) one of the top cathedrals in the WORLD





# Les Andelys

King Richard's Castle – outer walls were breached, but not the innermost.





# Honfleur

Beautiful little Harbor town... I could have spent a lot more time here.





Normandy



Norma





# Normandy





# Rouen

Cathedral Notre Dame de Rouen – huge cathedral. Joan of Arc was tried here and then burned at the stake in the town square. There is now a Church in town dedicated to her.





# Monet's Home (Giverny)





# Paris day 1 more exploring

## Day 2 Disembarkation









# HP Retiree's Cruise Caribbean



## 7 Night Caribbean - Western Cruise

**Cruise Line** Princess Cruises

**Departs** Sun, Nov 3rd 2024

**Nights** 7

**Ports of Call** Galveston, Costa Maya, Roatan, Cozumel, Galveston

**Ship** Regal Princess

**Returns** Sun, Nov 10th 2024

**Departing Port** Galveston

From the breathtaking Atrium & Piazza- now over 50 percent larger than our other ships' Atriums and featuring exciting new eateries- to signature features like The SeaWalk a dramatic glass-bottom walkway which USA TODAY calls one of the "Top Gee-Whiz Features at Sea" — you'll quickly come to love the many exciting dining and entertainment options available on this majestic ship. ☑

- Balcony 1184.24pp
- Inside 1001.24pp



# HP Retiree's Cruise Paris-Normandy

- VIKING
- French Balcony 5799pp
- Inside 3899 pp



- AMAwaterways
- French Balcony 5749pp
- Inside tbd





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The  
End



# Does one size fit all?

Viking and Amawaterways  
What I usually recommend,  
best ability to adjust for water  
levels

- Viking
  - The Carnival of River cruising BUT that same experience on the Ocean is a premium cruise line
- Amawaterways
  - My favorite, always ranked high
- All inclusive (or close to)
  - Scenic, Avalon, Tauck
- Disney
- Backroads



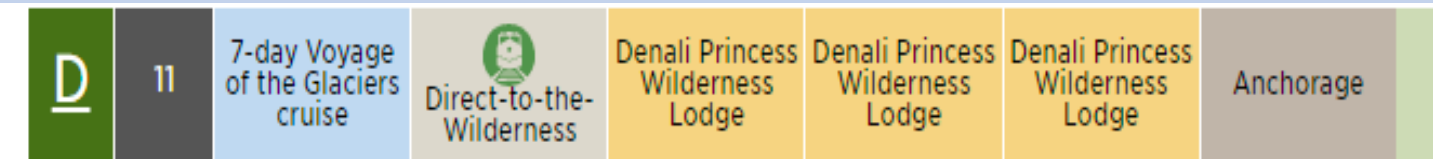


What's hot in Travel



# In and around the USA

- The Caribbean Cruises and All Inclusives
  - People love these, but it's like going to the summer cabin, not really a "hot" destination other than temperature. 😊
- ALASKA
  - Round Trip Seattle – I've never had anyone come back and say they wish they'd gone somewhere else
  - Cruise tours – this has become very popular. One way Northbound or Southbound cruise with a tour tacked on to the interior of Alaska usually including Denali



- Rocky Mountaineer
  - Domed trains and nice hotels
  - Itineraries in the Canadian Rockies and from Moab to Denver



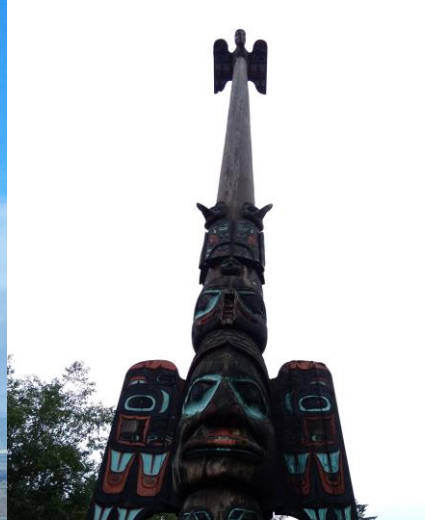
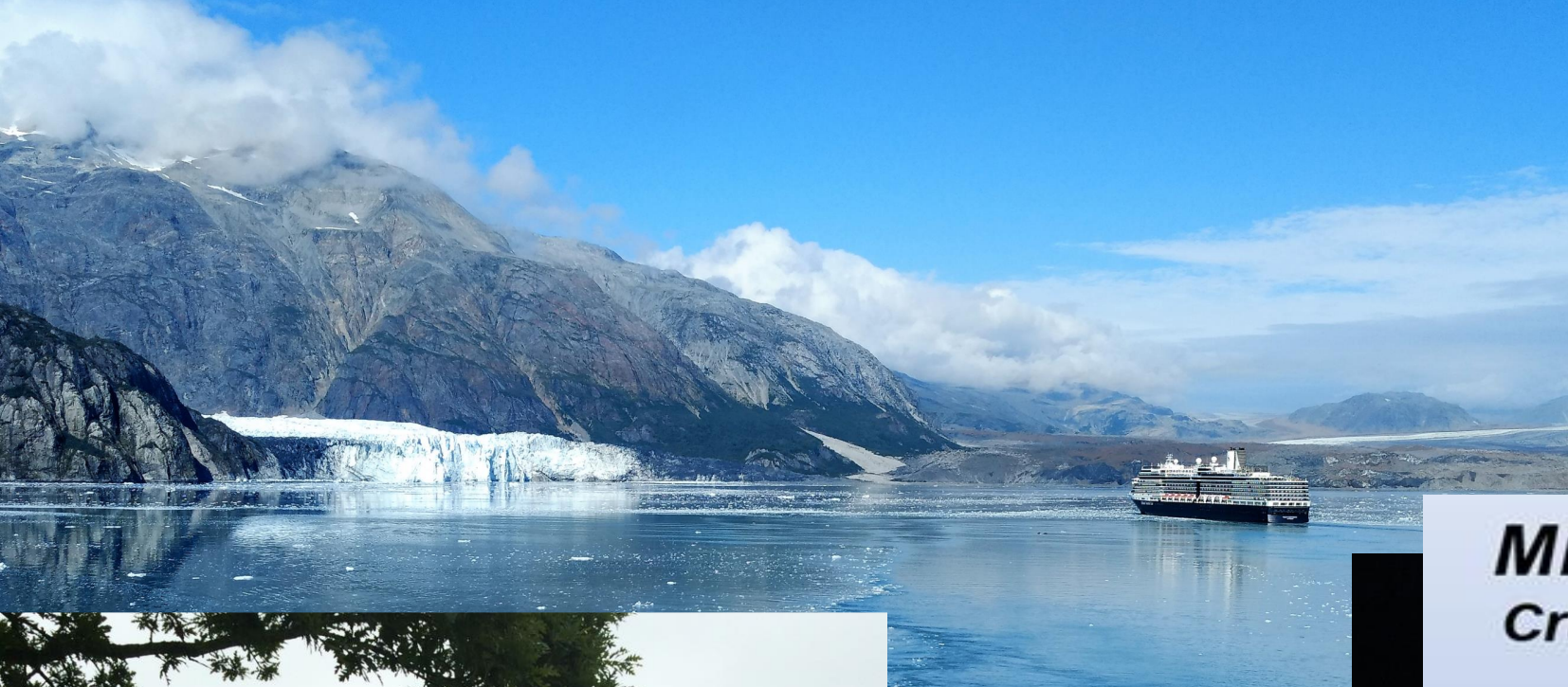


# Worldwide

- Mostly Europe
- Mediterranean Cruise
  - Hop on hop off bus of the Mediterranean lol
- Small ship cruising
  - River Cruises, Windstar, Uncruise
  - Adventure - Linblad, Hurtigruten
- Northern Lights – usually Norway or Iceland
- Greece, Italy, Croatia

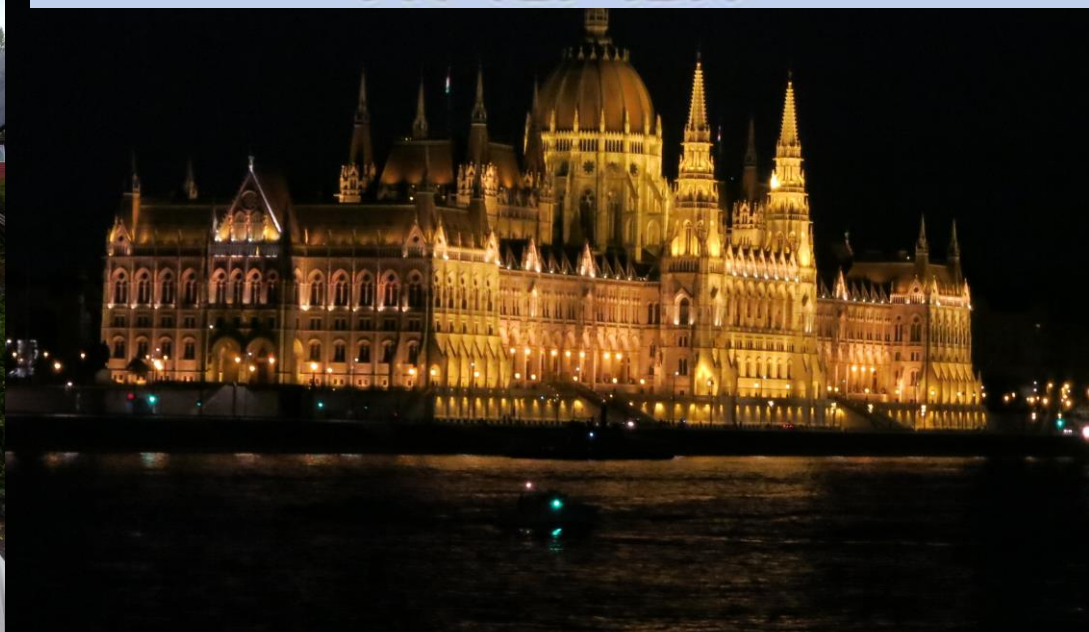






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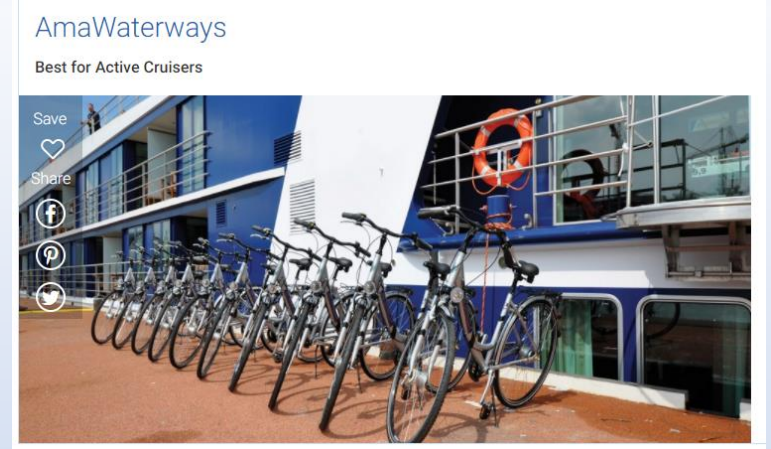








# River Cruises - Amawaterways



≡ TOWN&COUNTRY TRAVEL POLITICS STYLE ROYALS COCKTAILS

**BEST OVERALL, BEST ONBOARD ACTIVITIES, BEST ON-SHORE ACTIVITIES, BEST FOOD: AMAWATERWAYS**



## June, July and August:

The summer months can be hot and crowded in central Europe, but on the flip side, you have longer daylight hours to sightsee. Bring loose, breathable clothing for city walks, and look for river cruises that have dipping pools to cool off. Buses are often over air-conditioned, so you'll want to bring a light sweater. If the summer is extremely warm, [water levels can get low](#); if there's not enough water to sail safely, river cruise lines will again transport passengers to sites by bus.

## September, October and November:

The nights are shorter and the temperatures lower, but fall is an ideal time to visit. Water levels have generally straightened out, the crowds are gone, the fares are cheaper, and there's a nice chill in the air. Bring layers.

